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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2548

I am Roberta Valladao I am a Rancher in Terrebonne and working on turning over my ranch to my daughter and her family. This bill which I oppose is just one more thing that is making it very difficult to continue the heritage and customs I have always known. I am a 2nd generation Rancher and my daughter and her 2 children are the 3rd and 4th generation. With all the legislative mandate that you(who are representing us) is putting down much pressure on our lives that the suicide rate is increasing dramatically over the last few years. The Agricultural community is losing hope in being able to continue farming and ranching. The number of farms and ranches have decreased over 2000 since 2017. This is caused by increase rules and regulation, the input cost of have increased to almost 30%, seed and fertilizer cost have gone through the roof, and labor cost are around a 259% increase. All of the increases have jeopardized the family farms here in Oregon. Now you want to add the burden of HB 2548 on top of everything we are dealing with lately. We can't deal with much more. The rural communities in this state are slowly dying because of all the burdens you as legislators. We need you to change and start supporting the Agricultural community in this state, we are the ones that provide the natural resources of food, fiber, farming, forestry, fishing and flowers. We are the backbone of this state and you are slowly destroying us. Please oppose this bill to protect the Agrcultural community.